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As we approach year 2000, it is with little difficulty that we can reflect on great technological advances that our society has made. However, on the contrary, less can be said about how much we've evolved as a "universal" family unit. During these times of economic hardship and continued negligence of the political savvy to employ opportunities for the underclass or underprivileged, it is imperative that we revisit the basic principles practiced by our elders. The OnStage theme "Celebrate the Family" draws us back to these principles and the foundation is the family acting as "one." We must strive to reach and teach as many as possible about love of oneself and for other. We must embrace the concept of caring for the extended family.



The Board of Directors of the Woodson Foundation salutes you for your loyal support and commitment in helping us maintain and promote the rich cultural heritage of African Americans through our annual OnStage in New Jersey Series "Celebrating the Family."

Evelyn Barbee
Chairperson

ONSTAGE IN NEW JERSEY

1996 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ARTIST	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Mother Wit	Newark Public Library	Mar 14	7:00PM
Comfortable Shoes	Paper Mill Playhouse	Mar 22	8:00PM
Sing, Good Friday	St. Paul's Bap. Church	Apr 5	8:00PM
Families That Write	Newark Public Library	Apr 18	7:00PM
Sweet Honey	Newark Symphony Hall	Apr 26	8:00PM
Heath Family Music	Bloomfield College	May 10	8:00PM
Newark As Impetus	Newark Public Library	May 16	7:00PM
Rhythm...Is Business	Kean College	May 17	8:00PM

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER



Dear Friend,

Welcome to the Carter G. Woodson Family. Thank you for joining our celebration, as we experience life's hopes, dreams, fears and joys, through the heartfelt expressions of African-American artists.

As we celebrate this family, we also honor the art and intellect, the craft and emotion, the history and the future of so many gifted African American men and women who's lives and work reflect and challenge our world on a daily basis.

As our nation continues in its long struggle to define family values, we proudly celebrate a rich history and deep culture of simple human values found in the diversity of this festival's performances and exhibits.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson believed that people must be inspired "To live more abundantly, to learn to begin with life as they find it and make it better." He believed in "promoting harmony between the races by acquainting the one with the other" through the exchange of ideas and cultural expressions. This festival seeks to represent Woodson's lofty ideals, and we are pleased that you have chosen to allow us to share them with you.

We only ask that you take something of what you've experienced here today, and pass it along to another human being tomorrow.

David S. Rosenak
Executive Producer

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"Families That Write Together"

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm



Amiri Baraka, Amina Baraka & Ras Baraka with Richard Wesley & Valerie Wilson Wesley read from their plays, screenplays, poetry and novels, while sharing the passions and pitfalls of a writing family's productive household.

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"Mother Wit"

Thursday, March 14,
7:00 pm

Linda A. H. Walker, June Covington Key and A. Wanjiku H. Reynolds - The Newark Writers Collective - are joined by Amina Baraka to give voice in poetry, prose and song to the soul of African-American women. Author Betty Neals hosts this maternal evening.



"Newark As An Impetus To Write"

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm

Amira Baraka, Claude Brown and Richard Wesley read from work inspired by their hometown. Author Clement Price leads their conversation.

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"Comfortable Shoes"

Friday, March 22, 8:00 pm
Paper Mill Playhouse,
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This world premiere new musical chronicles the life of actor, singer, and entertainer extraordinaire, Clint Holmes, as he invites the audience into the corners of his soul to share his life experiences of racism and diversity, honesty and self-actualization. Also featured are Broadway veteran LaChanze, Nancy Ringham and Adam Wade.



"Rhythm Is Our Business!"

Friday, May 17, 8:00 pm

**Wilkins Theatre, Kean College,
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In collaboration with Kean College

World renowned dancer, singer and actor Gregory Hines★ joins New Jersey's hidden jewel — The New Jersey Tap Ensemble for a dazzling performance by the state's premiere tap dancers. Led by Artistic Director Deborah Mitchell, former principal dancer in the Tony Award winning musical, "BLACK AND BLUE." The troupe salutes the heros of an American art form.

★Schedule permitting.

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Rhythm is the beginning of all music. It moves from a child growing to the beat of a mother's heart, to clapped hands, cymbals and drums. It finds expression through the spirit of Gospel, the tradition of songs sung a cappella, and the richness of jazz, rhythm and blues.



*"Sing The Good,
Good Friday!"*

**Friday, April 5, 8:00 pm
St. Paul's Baptist
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Have a foot stomping, hand clapping, glory praising good time when Shirley Caesar, the first lady of Gospel, presents a litany of songs from her new album, Shirley Caesar Live...He Will Come. This Grammy award winning songstress is joined by the elegant North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club to sing the Good, Good Friday!

Hosted by Broadway, television and cabaret star Carol Woods★.

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"Conversations In Song On Sacred Ground"

**April 26, 8:00 pm
Newark Symphony Hall**

THEY'RE BACK! The a cappella singing sensation, Sweet Honey In The Rock, bring African-American folklore to life through song. Share a joyous sense of the human family.

Hosted by stage and screen director Oz Scott★.



"Heath Family Music: 150 Years And Counting!"

**Friday, May 10, 8:00 pm
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In collaboration with Bloomfield College

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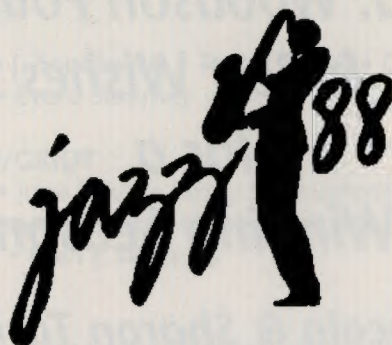
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